

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Title: **MONITORING A SEMICONDUCTOR LASER UTILIZING AN INCORPORATED  
BEAM SPLITTER DEVICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In the Request for Continued Examination application filed herewith, please consider the above-identified application as follows:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.